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# **Soil Erosion**

#### **Sheet and Rill Erosion**

	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Permanent ground cover greater than 90% and slope less than 10%; OR, The water erosion rate is less than or equal to T.	Yes	No
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	Evaluation Te	est Met
	All hayed acres maintain at least 75% cover all year.	Yes	No 🗌
	A residue and tillage management system is implemented on all crops in the rotation that minimizes detachment and transport of soil particles caused by rainfall or irrigation. The system leaves crop residue on the soil surface and excludes primary inversion tillage implements (such as moldboard plow ).	Yes	No
Ephemeral Gully Erosion			
	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Ephemeral gullies are not occurring; OR, Conservation practices and management activities are in place to prevent or control ephemeral gullies.	Yes	No
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>	
	Temporary or permanent rills do not exist on the land management system; Or, All temporary or permanent rills are stabilized; AND all areas expected to have high erosion rates are stable	Yes	No 🗌



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# <u>CSP-2018-1\_TN - Statewide MRBI - Ag Land Evaluation Set\_Crop Perennial</u> <u>Classic Gully Erosion</u>

Planning (	Criteria	Planning Cri	iteria Met
adequate to	llies are not present; Or, Classic gully management of stop the progression of head cutting and widening are minimized by vegetation and/or structure	ng and	No
Evaluation	n Tests	Evaluation T	<b>Cest Met</b>
	illies are not present; Or, All classic gullies are sta areas expected to have high erosion rates are stab		No 🗌
Streambank	x, Shoreline, Water Conveyance Channe	<u>els</u>	
Planning (	Criteria	Planning Cri	iteria Met
commensum bank erosic commensum streambank shorelines	nes and water conveyance channels; banks are st rate with normal geomorphological processes; A on is present, it is beyond the client's control or rate with normal geomorphological processes; A ks, SVAP2 bank condition element score greater or water conveyance channels are not present, se riteria to NA.	ND, If  ND, For than 5. If	No
Evaluation	n Tests	Evaluation T	est Met
streambank use show for and protect conveyance	all fundamentally unstable, natural geomorphic ks and shorelines, all streambanks and shorelines ew signs of erosion or bank failure; AND, Each it ted with natural materials. If shorelines and water e channels do not exist on the land management statement to NA	is stable r	No



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# **Soil Quality Degradation**

#### **Organic Matter Depletion**

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Organic matter is not depleted below tolerable levels. SCI levels are greater than 0 on all fields in the land management system.	Yes	No 🗌
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation</b> 7	Test Met
All hayed acres maintain at least 60% cover all year.	Yes	No 🗌
Orchard or vineyard soil surface layer is covered by protective plants for the majority of the year.	Yes	No
Compaction		
Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Soil compaction is not a problem: AND, Activities do not cause soil compaction problems AND can be documented with prior conservation planning or other on-site evaluation methods.	Yes	No 🗌
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>	
Field operations are restricted or do not take place on wet soils suceptible to compaction.	Yes	No 🗌



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#### <u>CSP-2018-1\_TN - Statewide MRBI - Ag Land Evaluation Set\_Crop Perennial</u> <u>Concentration of Salts and other Chemicals</u>

Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	iteria Met
Salinity/sodicity problems do not exist: OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place to mitigate on-site effects.	Yes	No 🗌
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>	
Irrigation water is managed to maintain a balance of soil moisture not to exceed Field Capacity or get below wilting point (unless water quantity is a limitation)? Methods include: moisture by feel, soil moisture monitoring with sensors, evapotranspiration monitoring, or other checkbook type methods. If the land management system is not irrigated, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No
Unconventional soil amendments are not applied; OR, If applied, are tested prior to application to fields and are applied according to a nutrient management system. These amendments could include industrial waste, bio-solids, organics, etc.	Yes	No



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# **Excess Water**

#### **Runoff and Flooding and Ponding**

	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Excess water is managed to minimize the impact on conservation measures and/or crop production.	Yes	No 🗌
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Te</b>	st Met
	Measures are applied such as residue management, grassed waterways, terraces, diversions, or filter strips to reduce excessive runoff; OR, If flooding is a concern crops and field activities are managed within the seasonal flooding periods; OR, Where ponding is a concern land leveling or shallow surface drains prevent ponding of water that limits crop production.	Yes	No
	The orchard or vineyard incorporates deep rooted tree and shrub species to encourage infiltration and reduce runoff, flooding, or ponding.	Yes	No
<u>Se</u>	asonal High Water Table		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Excess water resulting from a seasonal high water table is managed to prevent significant negative effects to conservation measures and/or crop production. If seasonal high water tables do not exist, set this planning criteria to NA.	Yes	No
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Te</b>	st Met
	Tile drainage and drainage water management structures have been installed to ease the harmful effects of a seasonal high water table; AND, The discharge of surface/subsurface drainage systems are as prescribed by the drainage water management plan. If seasonal high water tables do not exist in the land management system, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No



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# **Insufficient Water**

#### **Inefficient Use of Irrigation Water**

Planning Criteria	Planning Cı	riteria Met
The irrigation system components and management result in a Farm Irrigation Rating Index greater than 60; AND, Meets applicable State in-stream flow and lake and pond water levels requirements. If the land management system is not irrigated, set this planning criteria to NA.	Yes	No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	Evaluation '	Test Met
An irrigation water management (IWM) plan is followed that meets the crop's needs, while maximizing irrigation water efficiency. The IWM plan schedules water application based on soil moisture monitoring and/or evapotranspiration monitoring, measures and records the amount of water used to irrigate, and the irrigation system's distribution uniformity has been evaluated and necessary changes were made. If the land management system is not irrigated, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No



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# **Water Quality Degradation**

#### **Pesticides in Surface Water**

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and applied to prevent runof spills, leaks and leaching; AND, Conservation practices and techniques are in place to minimize ground water impacts.	ff, Yes No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>
Pesticides are not applied or stored on this land management system Or,' Pesticides are applied using a site-specific mixture of prevention avoidance, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS) strategies. Environmental risk screening tool are used (such as WIN-PST or similar LGU approved tool); AND, application rates and timing are compliant with the label.	
Pesticides in Ground water	
Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Pesticides are stored, handled, disposed and applied to prevent runof spills, leaks and leaching; AND, Conservation practices and techniques are in place to minimize ground water impacts.	ff, Yes No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>
Pesticides are not applied or stored on this land management system OR, Pesticides are applied using a site-specific mixture of prevention avoidance, monitoring, and suppression (PAMS) strategies; AND, Environmental risk screening tool are used (such as WIN-PST or similar LGU approved tool); AND, Application rates and timing are compliant with the label.	n,



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# <u>CSP-2018-1\_TN - Statewide MRBI - Ag Land Evaluation Set\_Crop Perennial</u> <u>Nutrients in Surface water</u>

Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied and PLU is not grazed; OR Nutrient and amendment applications are based on soil or tissue tests and nutrient budgets for realistic yields and conservation practices and management practices are in place to minimize surface water impacts.	Yes	No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Te</b>	st Met
Nutrients are not applied on this land management system; OR, If nutrients are applied, a nutrient budget is used to determine all application rates, including: - Realistic yield goals, - Nutrient uptake requirements, and - Available nutrient accounting for each of the following: (a) N, P, K from representative soil tests (less than or equal to 3yrs), (b) Soil organic matter mineralization, (c) Legumes in rotation, (d) Previous applications of manure and other organic based materials, (e) Planned post-harvest residual soil test levels, (f) Available nutrient analysis for each nutrient source, and (g) Available nutrient uptake efficiencies from planned application rate, source, method, timing and placement. All state specific application setbacks are maintained for all nutrient applications.	Yes	No
Filter strips that are at least 30 feet wide are established and maintained on all areas in the land management system where filter strips are applicable.	Yes	No
The land adjacent to a stream, river, or other waterbody on the side or sides you control: - has diverse, natural plant cover typical to that along other streams within the drainage basin; - extend from the stream bank/shoreline for a distance of 35 feet; OR, (if applicable) The minimum State buffer-width requirement, whichever is greater; AND, Have few places where concentrated runoff flows through.	Yes	No
Livestock access to streams is limited to short periods of time and small areas.	Yes	No



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#### <u>CSP-2018-1\_TN - Statewide MRBI - Ag Land Evaluation Set\_Crop Perennial</u> <u>Nutrients in Groundwater</u>

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Organic or inorganic nutrients are not applied and PLU is not grazed; OR, Nutrient and amendment applications are based on soil or tissue tests and nutrient budgets for realistic yields and conservation practices: AND, Management activities are in place to minimize ground water impacts.	Yes	No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation T</b>	est Met
Nutrients are not applied on this land management system; OR, if nutrients are applied, a nutrient budget is used to determine all application rates, including: - Realistic yield goals, - Nutrient uptake requirements, and - Available nutrient accounting for each of the following: (a) N, P, K from representative soil tests (less than or equal to 3yrs), (b) Soil organic matter mineralization, (c) Legumes in rotation, (d) Previous applications of manure and other organic based materials, (e) Planned post-harvest residual soil test levels, (f) Available nutrient analysis for each nutrient source, and (g) Available nutrient uptake efficiencies from planned application rate, source, method, timing and placement. All state specific application setbacks are maintained for all nutrient applications.	Yes	No



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# <u>CSP-2018-1\_TN - Statewide MRBI - Ag Land Evaluation Set\_Crop Perennial</u> <u>Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, bio-solids or Compost Applications in Surface Water</u>

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not applied on the land; OR, Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to surface water sources.	Yes	No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>	
Manure, Composts, or other bio-solids are not stored or applied on this land management system; OR Manure and other bio solids are applied using a nutrient budget to determine all application rates, including: - Realistic yield goals, - Nutrient uptake requirements, and - Available nutrient accounting for each of the following: (a) N, P, K from representative soil tests (less than or equal to 3yrs), (b) Soil organic matter mineralization, (c) Legumes in rotation, (d) Avoiding manure applications when soils are frozen, snow covered, or saturated, (e) Planned post-harvest residual soil test levels, (f) Available nutrient analysis for each nutrient source, and (g) Available nutrient uptake efficiencies from planned application rate, source, method, timing and placement. All state specific application setbacks are maintained for all nutrient applications. Minimum setbacks are maintained from drainage ways, wells, ditched, streams, rivers, and water bodies. If manure or other bio solids are not applied, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No
Filter strips that are at least 30 feet wide are established and maintained on all areas in the land management system where filter strips are applicable.	Yes	No
Livestock access to stream is controlled; OR, Livestock are limited to small watering or crossing areas.	Yes	No



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# <u>CSP-2018-1\_TN - Statewide MRBI - Ag Land Evaluation Set\_Crop Perennial</u> <u>Excess Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure, bio-solids or Compost Applications in Ground Water</u>

Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	teria Met
Potential sources of pathogens or pharmaceuticals are not stored or applied on the land; OR, Organic materials are applied, stored, and/or handled to mitigate negative impacts to groundwater sources.	Yes	No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	Evaluation T	est Met
Manure and other bio-solids are not stored or applied on this land management system; OR Manure and other bio solids are applied using a nutrient budget to determine all application rates, including: - Realistic yield goals, - Nutrient uptake requirements, and - Available nutrient accounting for each of the following: (a) N, P, K from representative soil tests (less than or equal to 3yrs), (b) Soil organic matter mineralization, (c) Legumes in rotation, (d) Avoiding manure applications when soils are frozen, snow covered, or saturated, (e) Planned post-harvest residual soil test levels, (f) Available nutrient analysis for each nutrient source, and (g) Available nutrient uptake efficiencies from planned application rate, source, method, timing and placement. All state specific application setbacks are maintained for all nutrient applications. Minimum setbacks are maintained from drainage ways, wells, ditched, streams, rivers, and water bodies.	Yes	No



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# <u>CSP-2018-1\_TN - Statewide MRBI - Ag Land Evaluation Set\_Crop Perennial</u> <u>Petroleum, Heavy Metal and Other Pollutants Transported to Surface Water</u>

	Planning Criteria	<b>Planning Crite</b>	eria Met	
	Activities do not present the potential for contamination by petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants. If present, potential pollutants are stored and handled to avoid runoff to groundwater.	Yes	No	
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Te</b>	st Met	
	Fuel storage does not occur on this land management system; OR, If required, the producer has and is following a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan; OR, The fuel storage area and tank is located: - above the 100-year floodplain, - a minimum of 100 feet from any river, stream, ditch, pond, lake, sinkhole, wetland, or water well; AND, Within a stable place designed to provide secondary containment if the primary means were to fail.	Yes	No	
<u>Pe</u>	Petroleum, Heavy Metal and Other Pollutants Transported to Ground Water			
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met	
	Activities do not present the potential for contamination by petroleum, heavy metals and other pollutants. If present, potential pollutants are stored and handled to avoid seepage to groundwater.	Yes	No 🗌	
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Te</b>	st Met	
	Fuel storage does not occur on this land management system; OR, If required, the producer has and is following a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan; OR, The fuel storage area and tank is located: - above the 100-year floodplain, - a minimum of 100 feet from any river, stream, ditch, pond, lake, sinkhole, wetland, or water well; AND, Within a stable place designed to provide secondary containment if the primary means were to fail.	Yes	No	



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**Planning Criteria Met** 

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#### CSP-2018-1\_TN - Statewide MRBI - Ag Land Evaluation Set\_Crop Perennial **Excessive Sediment in Surface Water**

Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	teria Met
Permanent ground cover greater than 90% and slope less than 10% and classic gullies are not present; OR, Upslope treatment and buffer practices address concentrated flows to water bodies; AND, The SVAP2 - bank condition greater than or equal to 5; AND, The livestock and vehicle water crossings are stable; AND, The water erosion rate is less than or equal to T; AND, Wind erosion rate is less than or equal to T.	Yes	No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation T</b>	est Met
All hayed acres maintain at least 75% cover all year.	Yes	No 🗌
Drainage and erosion control measures are implemented on roads, trails and landings to minimize detrimental effects of concentrated flow, erosion and sedimentation; AND, Stream crossings are restored and stabilized.	Yes	No 🗌
All temporary or permanent rills and gullies are stabilized; OR, Temporary or permanent rills and gullies do not exist.	Yes	No
Established filter strips are at least 20 feet wide and maintained when filter strips are applicable. If filter strips are not applicable on this land management system, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No
The land adjacent to a stream, river, or other waterbody on the side or sides you control does: - have diverse, natural plant cover typical to that along streams in your area, - extend from the stream bank/shoreline for a distance of 35 feet or (if applicable) the minimum State buffer-width requirement, whichever is greater; AND, Have few places where concentrated runoff flows through.	Yes	No



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# <u>CSP-2018-1\_TN - Statewide MRBI - Ag Land Evaluation Set\_Crop Perennial</u> <u>Elevated Water Temperature</u>

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met
Water courses on or adjacent to the site are not designated by a State Agency as a temperature impairment; OR, The SVAP2 - riparian area quality element score is greater than or equal to 5; AND, The SVAP2 - riparian area quantity element score is greater than or equal to 5; AND, The SVAP2 - canopy cover element score is greater than or equal to 6; OR, Existing conservation practices are in place to address water temperature. If water courses are not present, set this planning criteria to NA.	Yes No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>
More than 50% of the water surface is shaded on the length of the stream/river for this land management system. If waterbodies are not present on this land management system, set the test statement to NA.	Yes No



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# **Air Quality Impacts**

#### **Emissions of Particulate Matter (PM) and PM Precursors**

Planning Criteria	Planning Cr	riteria Met
Management activities do not contribute to agricultural source particulate matter (PM) or PM precursor emissions; AND, documented episodes or complaints of emissions of PM (dust, smoke, exhaust, etc.), or chemical drift have not occurred. PM producing activity examples are: Prescribed Burn is conducted, Travel ways unpaved or untreated with binding agents, Engines (combustion source), Tillage, Pesticides are applied, Fertilization (manure/commercial), CAFO/manure management.	Yes	No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>	
Field operations and activities are managed to minimize particulate emissions on the farm (i.e. multi-operation field tools, precision guidance systems, Prescribed Burn plans are implemented, and treatment/management of all non-vegetated, unpaved travel ways.)	Yes	No 🗌



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### <u>CSP-2018-1\_TN - Statewide MRBI - Ag Land Evaluation Set\_Crop Perennial</u> <u>Emissions of Ozone Precursors</u>

Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Operations that produce ozone precursor emissions are not present; OR, or are managed to reduce emissions. Ozone precursor producin activities may include: Engines (combustion source), Pesticide application, Burning, CAFO /manure management, or fertilization (manure/commercial).	100   100   1	
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>	
Pesticides are not applied; OR, an IPM plan is followed which redu ozone precursors. IPM includes applications of pesticides, including fumigants, be applied in a way that emissions of ozone precursors a reduced; Application methods may include: spot spraying, pest/targ sensing application equipment, alternative pesticide formulations, o low emission fumigation methods.	g are get	
Nitrogen stabilizers are used when any nitrogen is applied. If nitrog is not applied, set this test statement to NA.	gen Yes No No	
If prescribed burning is used a prescribed burning plan is followed to includes all applicable smoke management practices.	that Yes No No	
Emission of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs)		
Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
Activities that produce GHGs emissions are not present: OR, activity that produce GHGs emissions are managed to reduce those emissions AND, Carbon sequestration is enhanced through reduced tillage methods or other practices. GHG producing activities that should be considered include: Fertilization (manure/commercial), Tillage methods, grazing management, and forestry practices; AND GHGs not regulated in this planning area.	ons;	
Evaluation Tests Evaluation Test Me		
Nitrogen is not applied: OR, nitrogen is applied as close as possible crop uptake (within 30 days prior to crop planting or greenup) at recommended application rates.	e to Yes No No	



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Planning Criteria	Planning Cri	teria Met
Activities such as pesticide or manure application are managed to reduce objectionable odors; AND, Odor sources are not regulated in this planning area; AND, Documented episodes or complaints of odor nuisance have not occurred.	Yes	No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>	
Nutrients are not applied; OR, A NMP is followed which protects air quality by reducing odors and nitrogen emissions (ammonia, oxides of nitrogen).	Yes	No 🗌
Manure is not applied on this land management system; OR, manure is immediately incorporated; OR, manure is only applied when wind direction is away from human occupied areas.	Yes	No 🗌



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# **Degraded Plant Condition**

#### **Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health**

	Planning Criteria	<b>Planning Crit</b>	eria Met
	Plants are adapted to the site, meet production goals, and do not negatively impact other resources; AND, Plant damage from wind erosion is below crop damage tolerance levels.	Yes	No 🗌
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Te</b>	est Met
	Plants and crops are adapted to the soil and site conditions; and, plants produce average yield levels for the county in typical years.	Yes	No
<u>In</u>	adequate Structure and Composition		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crit	eria Met
	Plant communities contain adequate diversity, composition and structure to support desired ecological functions for the ecological site.	Yes	No
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	Evaluation Te	est Met
	The current plants provide the desired habitat structure and composition. State identified invasive plants and noxious weeds are controlled.	Yes	No



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Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met		
Plant pest damage to plants is below economic or environmental thresholds; AND, plant pests, including noxious and invasive species are managed.	Yes	No	
Evaluation Tests	Evaluation T	Test Met	
Weeds, insects, and diseases do not limit crop production.	Yes	No	
Invasive and noxious weeds are controlled or are not present.	Yes	No 🗌	
Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation			
Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met		
Wildfire hazards is not a concern; OR, Fuel loads and fuel ladders are managed to provide defensible space.	Yes	No 🗌	
Evaluation Tests	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>		
Fire is not a typical hazard for the crop; OR, Fire protection measures such as firebreaks or activities to reduce the fuel loads around or within the crop fields are employed.	Yes	No 🗌	



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# Fish and Wildlife - Inadequate Habitat

#### **Inadequate Habitat - Food**

	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
	The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 7; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, Food is available in quality and extent to support habitat requirements for the species of interest.	Yes	No
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Te</b>	st Met
	Designated areas are planted as food and habitat for pollinators/beneficial insects; AND, Protected from disruption. For example, planted to nectar and pollen producing plants and protected from disruption - chemical, biological, or mechanical.	Yes	No
	Plants growing are expected, desired, and suited to the site. Existing forbs and woody species meet state specified amounts.	Yes	No
In	adequate Habitat - Cover/Shelter		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Crite	eria Met
	The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) the SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, the SVAP2 - fish habitat complexity element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, the SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 7; OR conservation practices and management practices are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, habitat cover is of available quality and extent to support requirements for the species of interest.	Yes	No
	Evaluation Tests	Evaluation Te	st Met

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Plant growth and cover is managed to develop and maintain habitat to help chosen wildlife species. (see State Wildlife Action Plan)	Yes	No	
Haying operations include at least two of the following activities: (a) harvest occurs from the center of the field outward to provide better escape cover, (b) flushing bars are mounted on harvesting equipment, (c) mowing occurs during daylight hours, or (d) mowing speeds are reduced during primary nesting season.	Yes	No	
Haying/Grazing heights are maintained at a minimum of 6 inches average over winter for mid/tall grass plant communities; AND, 4 inches average over winter for shortgrass plant communities.	Yes	No	
The stream(s) have: - a natural, unaltered configuration, with minimal channel straightening, dredging, or bank alteration by armoring with rip-rap or other non-natural materials, - stable banks with limited erosion or bank failure; AND, human uses and/or grazing levels that do not negatively impact bank condition. If streams are not present on the land management system, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No	
Designated areas are planted as food and habitat for pollinators/beneficial insects. For example, planted to nectar and pollen producing plants and protected from disruptionchemical, biological, or mechanical.	Yes	No	
The pond/lake, which supports a natural or planted fish population, is managed: -to exclude livestock, -to control nuisance species and undesirable aquatic vegetation controlled, -to complies with state and local regulations when stocking the pond, AND -use of a buffer zone of diverse, natural plant cover at least 35 feet wide.	Yes	No	
Established field borders are kept as wildlife cover and as pollinator/beneficial insect habitat.	Yes	No	
All floodable fields in the land management system are managed to maintain surface water at least 4 months per year; AND, artificial supplied water or rainfall are from typical sources.	Yes	No	
A rotational scheme is used that simulates wet, early successional habitats that are highly attractive to wetland-associated wildlife	Yes	No 🗌	



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Planning Criteria	<b>Planning Crit</b>	eria Met
The WHSI rating is greater than or equal to 0.5; AND, (when surface stream present) The SVAP2 - barriers to movement element score is greater than or equal to 7; AND, The SVAP2 - aquatic invertebrate habitat element score is greater than or equal to 7; OR, Conservation practices and managements are in place that meet or exceed species or guild-specific habitat model thresholds; OR, The connectivity of habitat components are adequate to support stable populations of target species.	Yes	No
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation To</b>	est Met
Established field borders are kept as wildlife cover and as pollinator and beneficial insect habitat.	Yes	No
Designated areas are planted as habitat for pollinators and beneficial insects. Non-cropped area protected from disruption during nesting and foraging periodschemical, biological, or mechanical.	Yes	No
The land adjacent to a stream, river, or other waterbody on the side or sides you control does: - have diverse, natural plant cover typical to that along streams in your area; AND, Extend from the stream bank or shoreline for a distance of 35 feet; OR, (if applicable) The minimum State buffer-width requirement, whichever is greater.	Yes	No
In-stream structures (i.e. dam, diversion structure, bridge, culvert, low-water stream crossing, etc.) allow for the upstream and downstream movement of fish and other aquatic animals throughout most of the year.	Yes	No
Connectivity between food resources and cover and shelter is provided for the target wildlife species. (see State Wildlife Action Plan)	Yes	No



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# **Livestock Production Limitation**

#### **Inadequate Feed and forage**

	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Livestock forage, roughage, and supplemental nutritional requirements are met.	Yes	No
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Te</b>	st Met
	The current crop rotation provides ample feed and/or forages to support the livestock on the farm. Soil erosion and compaction are are managed to reduce negative impacts. Set this test statement to NA if the land management system is not used for livestock production.	Yes	No 🗌
	The existing forage quantity and quality are expected to meet the livestock needs and goals.	Yes	No
<u>In</u>	adequate Shelter		
	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	Artificial or natural shelters meet animal health needs.	Yes	No
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Te</b>	st Met
	Adequate shelter is provided to meet the needs of the livestock throughout the period the land management system (LMS) is utilized by livestock. If livestock do not use this LMS, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No



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Planning Criteria	<b>Planning Crit</b>	eria Met
Water of acceptable quality and quantity is adequately distributed to meet animal needs.	Yes	No 🗌
<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>	
The livestock have enough drinking water of good quality. If livestock do not use this land management system, set the test statement to NA.	Yes	No 🗌



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# **Inefficient Energy Use**

#### **Equipment and Facilities**

	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	On-site renewable energy and/or energy conserving implements have been implemented to improve energy efficiency for field operations.	Yes	No
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>	
	Pumps, motors, wells, etc. located on the land management system are improved efficiency models.	Yes	No 🗌
	Energy conserving implements are used for all or some field operations.	Yes	No
Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations			
	Planning Criteria	Planning Criteria Met	
	On-farm renewable energy and/or energy conserving implements are being used to improve energy efficiency for field operations. If irrigated, improved efficiency irrigation pumps are being used on the majority of irrigated fields.	Yes	No
	<b>Evaluation Tests</b>	<b>Evaluation Test Met</b>	
	Irrigation water is being managed to maintain a balance of soil moisture not to exceed Field Capacity or get below wilting point (unless water quantity is a limitation). Methods include: soil moisture monitoring with sensors, evapotranspiration monitoring, or other checkbook type methods. If the land management system is not irrigated, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No
	Improved efficiency irrigation pumps and motors are used for more than 50% of irrigation water applications. If the land management system is not irrigated, set this test statement to NA.	Yes	No 🗌
	Pumps, motors, wells, etc. located on the land management system are improved efficiency models	Yes	No